

**Senior Advisory Committee
Thursday, August 19, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Co-Chair Gail Pierce, Members - Deborah Martin, Linda Spak, Betsey DeMaggio, Susie Wright, Dorothy Graham and Sandra Hopf. Also present were Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers, Intern MaryAnn Seebeck and for the recording of minutes, Millie McGinnes. Co-Chair Sandra Kelly and committee member Ann Henault were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Gail Pierce at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, July 17, 2014

Ms. DeMaggio moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting with changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and carried.

Ayes 7 (Spak, Graham, Pierce, DeMaggio, Wright, Hopf, Martin)
Absent 2 (Henault, Kelly)

Nays 0

2. Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers Report

Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers and Intern MaryAnn Seebeck reported that they were interested in putting together an Elder Care Workshop for care-givers. Ms. Seebeck explained that she has been in contact with the Safe Patient Handling Coordinator at Rhode Island Hospital who is interested in assisting with such a workshop. A target time of October was set for the workshop.

It was noted that it is time to begin planning monthly off-island trips. The following locations were suggested: South County Commons, Wrentham Mall, a theatre trip, bowling, the Pequot Museum.

It was suggested that speakers be arranged to address financial planning and elder planning law.

3. Update on Senior Survey

Senior Coordinator Rogers reported that about 250 - 300 senior surveys have been received. She noted that at first glance there were many requests for: fitness center, physical therapist, computer and smart phone training, handicap parking and a pool. A meeting will be scheduled to organize the collation of the data.

4. Discuss and act on RSVP grant funding opportunities

Intern Maryann Seebeck noted that she has done some research into the RSVP grant and it seems it is not appropriate to apply at this time. She explained that Block Island currently does not have the structures in place to support such a grant, as it is not for start-up programs, but for organizations that already have structures and programs in place.

5. Feedback on Jenny Miller of Senior Care Concepts visit July 22, 2014

It was reported that Jenny Miller's presentation was wonderful and well attended.

6. Update on Status of “Notify Now”

Town Manager Dodge joined the meeting. A draft letter to collect names and numbers/emails for the Notify Now system was reviewed. It was noted that the letter will go into the power bills at the beginning of September. Ms. Dodge explained that assistance will be needed compiling the returns and inputting the data into a database.

7. Andy Pearce Family donation of computer for seniors

Ms. Pierce explained that the family of Andy Pearce wished to donate a computer to a senior on the island. A lottery will be held for those interested.

8. Denise Coron to discuss telephone adaptive equipment

Ms. Pierce distributed a flyer regarding telephone adaptive equipment for the hard of hearing.

9. Rosemarie Ives and Lisa Conlon to discuss Time Banking

Rosemarie Ives introduced Lisa Conlon Lewis of RI New Hope Time Banking whom gave a presentation regarding the process and function of time banking, a time bartering system.

Next meeting – September 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

At 11:18 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Pierce and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: September 16, 2014